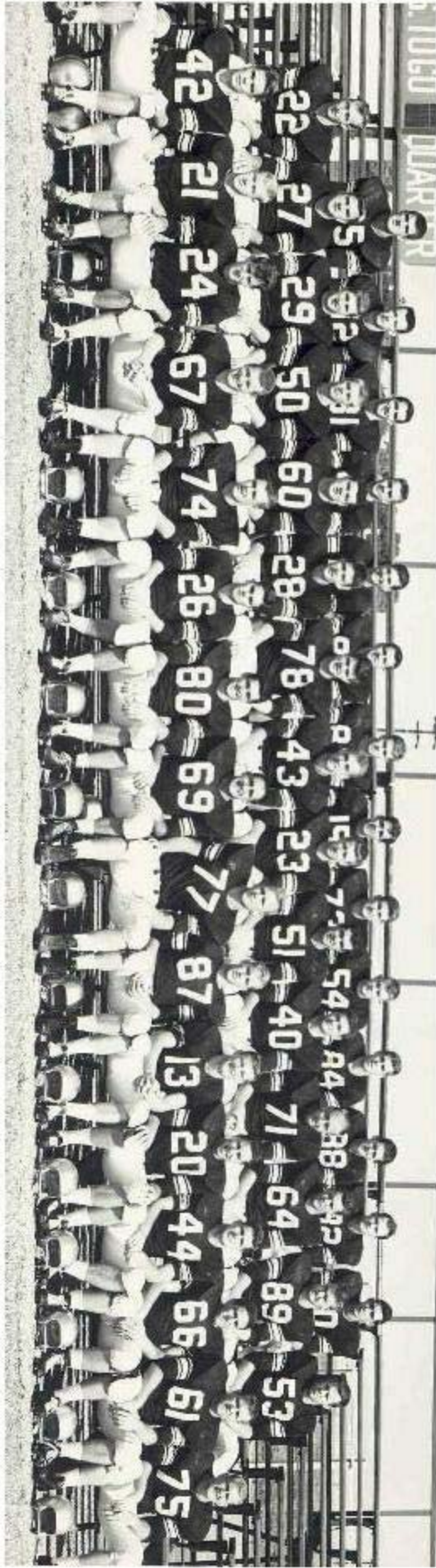


1955 FSU Football Squad

Head Coach: Tom Nugent



Front Row, Left to Right: John Griner, Billy Odom, Bobby Renn, Robert Elliott, William Gardner, William Weaver, Ronald Schomburger, Theodore Rodrigue, William Proctor, William Swilley, Patrick Versprille, Lee Corso, William Leonard, Al Pacifico, Jerry Jacobs, Bob Barber

Second Row: Buck Metts, Gene Cox, Carmen Battaglia, Bobby Crenshaw (Co-Captain), Leo Baggett, Stephen Dean, John Craig, Emil Abood, Jerry Henderson, Hobo Ackerman, Joe Holt, Charles Kicklighter, Bob Thomas, Bob Douglas, Leonard Phillion

Third Row: Tom Fearmster, Troy Barnes, Ham Bisbee, Harold Cummings, Len Swantic, Norman Olson, Bob Fountain, George Norman, Bill Musselman, Leonard Little, David Keene, Peter Curry, Jonah Overton, Vic Pinzi

Note: Co-Captain Don Powell fractured his right ankle the day before this picture was taken

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

1955 FOOTBALL FACTS

1. FOUR RETURNING STANDOUT PLAYERS OF 1954 SEASON:

- 1--Right end Tom Feamster (All-Florida, All-America mention).
- 2--Left halfback Lee Corso (All-Florida).
- 3--Left guard Jerry Jacobs (three-year letterman).
- 4--Right guard Bob Barber (shifted from tackle this spring).

2. THREE STANDOUTS UP FROM FRESHMAN RANKS (FROSH ARE ELIGIBLE FOR VARSITY):

- 1--Left end Ronnie Schomburger (caught five passes for 164 yards and two touchdowns as varsity starter in '54).
- 2--Quarterback Vic Prinzi (completed 13 of 27 passes for 373 yards and four touchdowns as varsity alternate in '54).
- 3--Right halfback Buddy Reynolds (carried 16 times for 8.3-yard average and two touchdowns as left halfback sub in '54).

3. THREE PRINCIPAL LOSSES FROM 1954:

- 1--Left tackle Al Makowiecki (All-Florida, Little All-America, NAIA All-America in '54, recently signed with Montreal).
- 2--Quarterback Harry Massey (No. 1 QB, completed 50 of 90 passes for 750 yards and 10 touchdowns in '54).
- 3--Right halfback Billy Graham (leading rusher with 5.7-yard average on 68 carries, three touchdowns).

4. THREE PROMISING GRADUATES FROM RESERVES AND RED-SHIRT TEAM:

- 1--Right tackle Bill Proctor (sat out last year after transferring from Stetson University in 1953).
- 2--Quarterback Mike Norman (fine passer up from junior varsity).
- 3--Left end Hamilton Bisbee (played some on varsity last fall).

5. WHO'LL DO MOST OF THE RUNNING IN 1955?

Open Field: Lee Corso, Buck Metts, Buddy Reynolds, Billy Odom, Patrick Versprille.
Power: Joe Holt.

6. WHO'LL DO MOST OF THE PASSING AND RECEIVING?

Passers: Vic Prinzi, QB (13 of 27 for 373 yards, 4 TD's in '54).
Patrick Versprille, QB (shifted from halfback this spring).
Len Swantic, QB (28 of 55 for 355 yards, 4 TD's in '54).
Mike Norman, QB (promising passer up from junior varsity).
Receivers: Tom Feamster, RE (set school record with 28 catches for 442 yards and 6 TD's last fall).
Lee Corso, LH (caught 20 for 240 yards, 3 TD's in '54).
Ronnie Schomburger, LE (caught 5 for 164 yards, 2 TD's in '54).

7. WHO'LL DO MOST OF THE PUNTING?

- 1--Buck Metts.
- 2--Patrick Versprille.

8. WHO ARE THE LIKELY DEFENSIVE STANDOUTS IN 1955?

Linemen: Bob Barber, Jerry Jacobs, Bob Crenshaw, Don Powell, Ronnie Schomburger.
Backs: Lee Corso, Bill Weaver, Joe Holt.

9. WHO WILL BE THE BEST BLOCKERS?

Linemen: Jerry Jacobs, Bill Proctor, Ronnie Schomburger.
Backs: Joe Holt.

10. THREE BEST FRESHMEN WHO WILL PLAY IN '55?

Indefinite.

11. WHAT OFFENSE WILL FSU USE?

Coach Tom Nugent's I and split-T formations.

12. ANY COACHING CHANGES FOR '55?

No Changes forseen.

1955 FLORIDA STATE FOOTBALL STATISTICS 1955

	FSU	OPPONENTS
First Downs	121	153
by Rushing	72	103
by Passing	41	44
by Penalty	8	6
Rushing Attempts	424	500
Yards Gained Rushing	1781	2212
Yards Lost Rushing	264	252
Net Yards Gained Rushing	1517	1960
Average Yards Rushing	3.6	3.9
Passes Attempted	147	146
Passes Completed	75	73
Yards Gained Passing	990	1089
Passes Intercepted by	10	12
Yards Interception Returns	143	257
Punts (1976-1640)	53	50
Punting Average	37.3	32.8-
Yards Punt Returns	188	207
Kickoffs	33	37
Yards Kickoff Returns	745	612
Fumbles	26	29
Fumbles Lost	14	18
Penalties	57	60
Yards Penalized	585	590
Touchdowns	22	27
by Rushing	17	19
by Passing	3	6
by Interception Return	0	1
by Punt Return	0	1
by Kickoff Return	1	0
by Fumble Recovery	1	0
PAT Attempted	22	27
PAT Made	13	21
Field Goal	0	1
Safety	1	0
Total Points	147	186
TOTAL OFFENSE	2507	3049

1 RUSHING						2 PASSING					
	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg.		Att	Comp	Int	Gain	TD
Corso	111	463	32	431	3.9	Swantic	73	37	5	576	2
Odom	60	308	14	294	4.9	Prinzi	58	29	6	338	0
Metts	51	269	18	251	4.9	Rodrigue	8	5	1	52	0
Prinzi	41	206	55	151	3.7	Corso	2	2	0	16	1
Weaver	29	152	10	142	4.9	Norman	5	2	0	8	0
Cox	25	91	2	89	3.5	Metts	1	0	0	0	0
Versprille	12	62	4	58	4.8		147	75	12	990	3
Holt	24	59	4	55	2.3						
Griner	10	35	6	29	2.9						
Swantic	43	93	74	19	.4						
Battaglia	1	10	0	10	10.0						
Abood	1	3	0	3	3.0						
Schomburger	1	1	0	1	1.0						
Leonard	2	1	3	-2	-1.0						
Rodrigue	8	23	27	-4	-.5						
Norman	5	5	15	-10	-2.0						
	424	1781	264	1517	3.6						

4 INTERCEPTION RETURNS				
	No	Yards	TD	Avg.
Corso	3	57	0	19.0
Holt	3	21	0	7.0
Swantic	1	23	0	23.0
Weaver	1	21	0	21.0
Prinzi	1	18	0	18.0
Musselman	1	3	0	3.0
	10	143	0	14.3

3 PASS RECEIVING

	No	Gain	TD	Avg.
Feamster	18	258	1	14.3
Corso	13	123	0	9.5
Metts	10	93	1	9.3
Schomburger	9	170	0	18.9
Holt	7	82	0	11.7
Bisbee	5	118	1	23.6
Odom	3	30	0	10.0
Taylor	2	42	0	21.0
Leonard	2	32	0	16.0
Overton	1	12	0	12.0
Abood	1	12	0	12.0
Weaver	1	8	0	8.0
Versprille	1	6	0	6.0
Griner	1	3	0	3.0
Olson	1	1	0	1.0
	75	990	3	13.2

2 PUNTS

No	Yards	Avg.
15	628	41.9
25	960	38.4
2	64	32.0
4	126	31.5
6	178	29.7
1	20	20.0*
53	1976	37.3

3 PUNT RETURNS

No	Yards	TD	Avg.
7	100	0	14.3
5	38	0	7.6
2	17	0	8.5
2	16	0	8.0
1	14	0	14.0
1	2	0	2.0
1	1	0	1.0
19	188	0	9.9

4 KICKOFF RETURNS

No	Yards	TD	Avg.
13	358	1	27.5
7	130	0	18.6
4	94	0	23.5
2	40	0	20.0
2	31	0	15.5
2	27	0	13.5
2	23	0	11.5
1	21	0	21.0
1	16	0	16.0
1	5	0	5.0
35	745	1	21.3

WON 5 -- LOST 5

SCORING

TD	PAT Att	PAT Made	Points
4	0	0	24
4	0	0	24
3	1	1	19
3	0	0	18
2	0	0	12
0	13	9	9
1	1	0	6
1	0	0	6
1	0	0	6
1	0	0	6
1	6	0	6
1	0	0	6
0	3	2	2
0	4	1	1
0	0	0	2**
22	22	13	147

5 RUNNING SCORE BY QUARTERS

FLORIDA STATE	13	41	34	59	--	147
OPPONENTS	33	48	60	45	--	186

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